

**SEVEN-CENT FARES  
ON CARS POSSIBLE  
BY TAXING GIGGE**

Levy on Net Earnings, Not 4  
Per Cent Gross, Would  
Aid in Merger, Says Kutz.

**OPERATING COST CUT  
NEEDED TO GO LOWER**

Several Members of House D. C.  
Committee Strongly Urge Five-  
Cent Rate for Local Lines.

**If Milady's Lashes  
Aren't Up to Snuff,  
She Can Use Others**

By the Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, May 24.—Ladies' eyelashes have become salable articles. The dressing table in milady's boudoir may now be adorned, in addition to numerous other things, that admirers assume to be natural, with artificial lashes that paste on right over the regular ones.

Other nature avers included a kilt hobbled by to cover old-fashioned long hair, thus relieving the necessity of cutting it. A parable in moving picture has been made of the woman who, having a wife, who had lost her husband's affection, regained it by rejuvenating her rose petal cheeks.

Street car fares in Washington can be reduced to five cents by changing the method of taxation of the street car companies from a gross tax of 4 per cent to a tax on net earnings. This was the opinion of the Public Utilities Commission, today told members of the House District Committee. A further decrease in fares will result only from reduction in operating cost, he said.

Several members of the committee expressed their desire that the street car fares should be reduced to 5 cents. Representative Kunz of Illinois insisted that the public utilities Commission has no authority to regulate fares and should place them at 5 cents. Representative Cummings of New Carolina also insisted that five-cent fares should be the rule in the District.

**PRESIDENT ON WAY  
HOME AFTER BUSY  
DAY IN NEW YORK**

Party Retires Early on the  
Mayflower on Moon-  
lit Sea.

Although the meeting today was that of a special subcommittee headed by Representative Zihlman of Maryland to hear the report from the District Commissioners on the failure to bring about a voluntary merger between the street car companies at the recent conferences, members of the committee generally were present. Those who attended the meeting included Representatives Zihlman, Maryland; Foeltz, Pennsylvania; Lammert, Wisconsin; Kunz, Illinois; Keller, Minnesota; Fitzgerald, Ohio; Coughlin, Missouri; Egan, Illinois; Woods, Virginia; Hammer, North Carolina; Brown, Tennessee; Blanton, Texas; and Gilbert, Kentucky.

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WASHINGTON, May 24.—President Harding was today on his way to Washington on board the presidential yacht Mayflower, which left here late last night. Early this morning a message was received saying the craft had passed Sandy Hook on a moonlit sea that was made moderately rough by a fresh northeast wind.

The yacht was accompanied by the destroyer fleet, and a police boat John F. Hyatt escorted her as far as the narrows. The President was accompanied by his party retired soon after going on board.

The District Commissioners, who act as the Public Utilities Commission, were present today with their records and a report on the failure to bring about a voluntary merger between the street railway companies. The report was given to understand that the street railway companies were about to merge. The Public Utilities Commission should fix the fare at 5 cents and thus force a merger.

Commissioner Kutz said that this could not be done because it was in the hands of the Public Utilities Commission, which he said, had directed that the fare should be at a reasonable return on a fair valuation of the street railway property. He said that the Public Utilities Commission, however, proposed to abolish the 4 per cent rate and to fix the fare at 5 cents. In lieu of this they propose an excess profits tax of 50 per cent on the net earnings above 5 cents. He said that this would reduce the gross tax from 4 to 2 per cent.

But one fire occurred in the program for the day. It was caused by a fire which practically destroyed the third oldest fighting craft in the navy, the USS Albatross, now used as a naval militia training ship. The ship was lying near the presidential yacht, and when the fire broke out, flames swept about her and fire-fighting apparatus was used to extinguish the fire at which the Mayflower was lying.

The yacht was removed to the foot of 8th street, the pier of the Columbia Yacht Club, where the presidential party boarded her.

Representative Lammert put the question of the fare at 5 cents to a vote. The vote was 10 to 10. Representative Kutz then moved that the fare be fixed at 5 cents. This motion was also voted down. Representative Kutz then moved that the fare be fixed at 5 cents. This motion was also voted down.

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Cases of Salaries Exceeding  
Proposed Figures Make  
Task for Congress.

**COMMITTEE WARNED  
OF STORM OF PROTEST**

Expert at Hearing Predicts That  
Any Attempt to Reduce Would  
Endanger Bill.

Whether government employees whose present compensation exceeds the amount they would receive under the classified system should be reduced in pay today proved to be one of the most difficult problems Congress will have to solve in enacting legislation to standardize government work.

The Sterling-Leibach bill provides specifically that there shall be no reduction in the salaries now paid employees who would be placed in classified grades where the standard rates of pay would be less.

Testifying today before the joint Senate and House committee on civil service considering legislation to standardize government work, Fred Teiford, a civil service engineer, said this provision in the Sterling-Leibach bill is a wise one, inasmuch as any effort to reduce the pay of employees would bring about a storm of protest that might jeopardize the enactment of the classified law.

A similar opinion was expressed to the joint committee yesterday by Frederick Steward, executive director of the National Association of Federal Employees. Representative Black of Texas, both yesterday and today, questioned the wisdom of the provision referred to. He said he believed it would destroy the morale of the classified grades where the standard rates of pay would be less.

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**IRISH FIRE SHOTS  
IN ELECTRIC RUSH**

Stones and Bricks Also Fly as  
Polling Places Are  
Opened.

By the Associated Press.  
BELFAST, May 24.—Elections for the new parliament in Ireland under the Irish home rule bill were carried out throughout Ireland today, but only in the north of Ireland were ballots cast, as the nominations for the southern Irish parliament were made without contest, which was tantamount to election.

Clashes were still early this morning to vote for the members of its new parliament under the system of proportional representation, which few here will confess they understand. The streets of Belfast were awake at 6 o'clock this morning, and the motor cars, horse and running cars, and the humble donkey-drawn cart, moving from one side of the city to the other with voters, both men and women.

The people had been appealed to by their leaders to vote early in the morning, and at most of the polling booths, which were waiting at 8 a.m., the opening hour, for either side to bring in persons who would not be difficult, as in such districts as Belfast, where nationalists were not even have watchers, as they say it would be suicide for any of their number to enter the polling booths. The nationalists, on the other hand, would not feel comfortable in Falls road, although there were plenty of police and military there to protect them.

Counting of the votes will not commence until Wednesday morning and will continue until Thursday evening, at which time the results will be announced. It is possible the Belfast result will be known Wednesday night, but the results will not be in for several days. However, the nationalists, with 388 polling stations, in Belfast alone.

**FASTS 60 DAYS; DIES.**

Son of Wealthy Farmer Was Con-  
scientious Objector.

SELMA, Iowa, May 24.—Walter Oliver, son of a wealthy farmer, died yesterday on the sixteenth day of a self-imposed fast.

Oliver was a conscientious objector and was sent to federal penitentiary when he refused to serve in the army. He was released after serving a term of years. He had been a member of the American Society of Friends.

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**TROOP KARRIES  
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**MOB APPLIES 25 LASHES  
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Victim, Accused in Connection  
With Attack on Girl, Ordered  
to Leave Dallas.

DALLAS, Tex., May 24.—J. T. Moore, thirty, arrested Saturday in connection with an attack upon a young girl, was taken by a party of masked men late last night to a secluded spot near the city and twenty-five lashes applied to his bare back with a whip, according to a report to the police today.

After his punishment Moore was returned to the city and ejected from an automobile into a crowd of persons in the heart of the business section. He was warned to leave Dallas.

A party of masked men called at the home of the newspaper reporter shortly before 11 o'clock and requested him to accompany them, though giving no intimation of what was to take place. The automobile passed out of the city of the West Dallas pike, where it was joined by a second car. The two cars proceeded to a lonely spot, where Moore was forced out, and after being stripped of his clothing, he was tied to a tree and the whipping was administered. Moore's whereabouts were not known today.

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**RUHR OCCUPATION  
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